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Director of Political Department told me today that Swiss Government would not wish to precipitate decision in respect of resolution of Vorarlberg population. Swiss Government incline to advocate union on the ground that such accretion of territory will form counterpoise to Bolshevist element in Switzerland, and will also place under Swiss control main railroad east which will thus be independent both to Germany and Italy. He does not think that in the event of union being decided upon by both parties Italy will put forward any claim for territorial compensation. Switzerland also favours union as only alternative of union with Germany. Political director does not consider Peace Conference will intervene in this question which like that of neutral zones will be (? for omitted) parties to settle amongst themselves.

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